

# MOUNDS STATE PARK

## Winter Workshop Series

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**INTERPRETIVE CENTER WINTER HOURS:**

**Daily 9:00am – 4:00pm**

All of our winter workshops will be held in the Visitor Center and **begin at 1:00pm**, unless otherwise noted. Workshops will last approximately 1½-2 hours. In the event of poor weather conditions, workshops may be cancelled; they will not be rescheduled. *There is no gate fee during the winter months.* To ensure we will have enough supplies for everyone, registration is required by the Wednesday before the workshop, unless otherwise indicated. To register or find out more about these great activities, call (765) 649-8128.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 – SUBMIT NATURE PHOTO ENTRIES FOR CONTEST



Enter your stunning nature images in our inaugural amateur photography competition. We're looking for beautiful photographs taken right here at the park. Landscapes, river scenes, plants, animals, people, and of course the mounds are all images eligible for the competition. An 8x10 print with backing, in black/white or color, using digital or film, must be received at the Visitor Center by **Sunday, March 2, 2008** by 4:00pm. Photos will be judged for prizes – a 13 yrs. and up category, and a 12 and under category. The top three photos will become new post card designs for sale in the gift shop, and the first prize is a 2008 IDNR Parks and Reservoirs annual park pass. Winners will be announced at the Gallery and Awards Banquet **March 8, 2008 at 5:00pm**.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12- GRAPEVINE WREATH WORKSHOP



Wild grapevines can be considered a nuisance, as they cover other plants with their aggressive growth. But we can help the woodlands by removing these vines and using them for our craft. Add dried flowers, seasonal decorations, personal keepsakes, fishing lures, or just about anything, and you've got yourself a fun indoor/outdoor wreath. Workshop fee \$3/wreath. Pre-registration is required.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19- BIRDFEEDER WORKSHOP

Help our feathered friends get through the cold winter months. Build a birdfeeder to place in your backyard and watch the birds fly in. Find out which foods different birds and wildlife enjoy. We'll provide all the tools and materials needed for you to pound out this woodworking project. Workshop fee is \$7 and pre-registration is required.



### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 26/27 – WEBELOS WEEKEND: BADGE BLITZ

Earn badges during this fun weekend. We'll have a Leave No Trace program and project for your LNT award. We'll lead hikes and other activities which fulfill requirements for your Outdoorsman Badge, including a fun campfire supper and overnight camping experience. If the temperature dips low enough, you can earn the Polar Bear Award. Weekend workshop cost is \$8/Scout. Camp sites are "first come, first serve". Youth tent area is \$2/person (minimum \$20), or electric sites are \$11 (maximum 2 tents per site.) Register early - space is limited to 30 participants. Leader or adult chaperone must accompany scout or group of scouts.



### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – RAPTORS RULE: LIVE BIRDS OF PREY

It's not everyday that you get to see live hawks, owls, and falcons in person. Local bird rehabilitator Diana Shaffer will show off her flock and talk about their amazing road to recovery. Don't miss this opportunity to get up-close... because Raptors Rule! Make sure to bring your camera! Activity fee \$2/person and donations will also be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Rescū Haus Rehabilitation Center. No registration is required, but seating is limited.



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT



**8:00am, 11:00am, & 2:00pm** - Which birds are spending the winter with us here at Mounds State Park? Take part in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count. Across the county, tens of thousands of people will be outside (or looking through their windows) counting birds. You can be one of them! People of all ages and skill levels can take part. Join us in the Nature Center's wildlife viewing room, or plan on hiking the trails at the park while you count birds. Visit [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc) for more info. No registration is required, but seating is limited.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – EXOTIC ANIMAL SHOW

You won't see any of these critters roaming the woods of Indiana. That's why Critter Junction's Steve Thompson, Mounds State Park interpretive naturalist, is happy to show off his wonderful collection of live exotic animals. Get up close and personal with these amazing animals from around the world. Activity fee \$2/person. No registration is required, but seating is limited.



### SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – GIRL SCOUTS: WILDLIFE JUNIOR BADGE



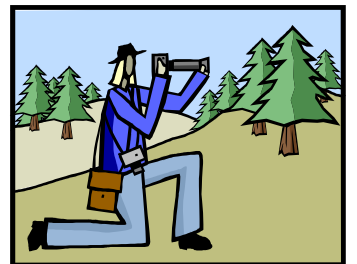
**Girl Scouts.**

Earn badges during this all-day event. Junior Girl Scouts will participate in programs that fulfill six requirements for the "Wildlife" Junior Badge. We'll also have a program on women in outdoor careers, which goes towards "Your Outdoor Surroundings" Junior Badge. Check-in starts at 9:30am. We'll break for lunch (bring a sack lunch and drinks will be provided by the park), and then continue activities in the afternoon until 3:30pm. Leader or adult chaperone must accompany scout or group of scouts. Activity fee \$3/participant. Register early – space is limited to 30 participants.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2 – NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SUBMISSION DEADLINE (4:00p)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8 – PHOTO GALLERY AND AWARDS BANQUET (5:00p)

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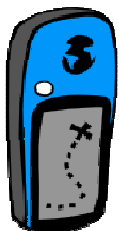


### SUNDAY, MARCH 9 – STEPPING STONE WORKSHOP



As spring approaches, many of us begin to spruce up our lawns and start planting in our gardens. An easy way to add some decoration to your outdoor landscaping is by adding stepping stones. Here you'll learn how to make a neat stepping stone and take it home the same day! Workshop fee \$5/person. Pre-registration is required.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15 - GEOCACHE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Never heard of Geocaching?! This new and fun recreation will have you exploring different areas of Mounds State Park. You'll navigate your way through the woods by using a GPS unit to find a cache (storage box with items inside.) Don't have a GPS unit?... come anyway and join another team, or we'll have some extra GPS units for you to borrow. If you have an extra unit, bring it along for someone else to borrow. All ages are welcome – so get your family and friends together and get ready to have an outdoor adventure! Be prepared to win great prizes - these will be awarded for different categories. We'll have refreshments in the nature center afterwards to get you warmed up! Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes! Activity fee \$3/person or \$10 for a team of 4. Pre-registration is required.